

REMARKS

With the present paper, claims 1, 5,9, and 10 have been amended to correct a punctuation error.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 10 as being unpatentable over RIDDLE in view of OFFICIAL NOTICE. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Independent claims 1, 5, 9, and 10 define use of a server. For example, claim 1 recites storing setup information for setting an area on a database, the setup information being forwarded from a chairman's terminal to guests' terminals, and forwarded from the guests' terminals to a server. Although RIDDLE discloses a server, at col. 14, lines 5 - 12, RIDDLE expressly states that the server does not supply media data. Such a statement contradicts the Examiner's comments in paragraph 6 stating that it would have been obvious to provide RIDDLE's additional stream data on an area of a database on a server. Clearly, RIDDLE does not contemplate use of such a server.

Applicant challenges the factual assertion as not properly officially noticed. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to support the Official Notice with a reference, in accordance with MPEP 2144.03, at least because RIDDLE teaches away from use of a server as the Examiner has proposed. Moreover, the Examiner's statement that a database would provide for remote in between storage is not consistent with the purpose of RIDDLE, which is teleconferencing. Real time applications, such as teleconferencing, would not store data streams during a transmission because such storage would delay the transmission and thus lose the desired real time functionality.

Even assuming *arguendo* that the claimed server is provided, applicant submits that RIDDLE and the OFFICIAL NOTICE lack other claimed features. For example, RIDDLE and the OFFICIAL NOTICE do not disclose or suggest a chairman's terminal storing setup information for setting an area on a database. The passage relied upon by the Examiner does not pertain to setup information for setting an area on a database, at least because RIDDLE has no such database (and would not need a database).

Nor do RIDDLE and the OFFICIAL NOTICE disclose or suggest transmitting the setup information from the chairman's terminal to the guest's terminal. Again, the passage relied upon by the Examiner does not pertain to setup information for setting an area on a database.

Finally, RIDDLE and the OFFICIAL NOTICE do not disclose or suggest transmitting the setup information from the guest's terminal to a server. The passage relied upon by the Examiner merely discloses receipt of MemberReady events. A server does not receive the MemberReady events, nor do the events include the setup information. In fact, RIDDLE appears to primarily describe communication between two endpoints, i.e., without a server.

Consequently, for at least these reasons it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of the independent claims and provide an indication of their allowability.

Dependent claims 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same

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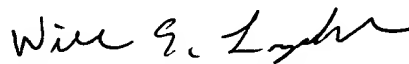
reasons noted for the independent claims, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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